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State Representative

Laura Cox

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RE: HB 4190

Dear Representative Cox;

House Bill 4190 permits the use of prior sex crimes as evidence in Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) cases, regardless of the age of the victim.

The Michigan District Judges Association generally supports the authority for judges to be permitted to use discretion, and we believe this bill broadens our discretion. Therefore, we respectfully **support** the bill.

Please feel free to contact me at jvoet@ioniacounty.org or at (616) 902-1135 if you wish to discuss this bill further.

Sincerely,

Judge Raymond P. Voet

Co-chair, Legislative Committee

Michigan District Judges Association

cc: Rep. Klint Kesto, Chair, House Law & Justice Committee

cc: House Law & Justice Committee members